

4.05 Children of Divorce Education Program:

- a. After filing for dissolution or legal separation, those parties with minor children will be required to attend an educational program designed to inform parents of the effects of divorce or long term separation on their children. This program is mandatory and must be attended within four (4) months of filing the Petition. Parties to filings under the Uniform Parentage Act and the Domestic Violence Prevention Act may be ordered by the Court to attend the program.
- b. The parties or their counsel are encouraged to schedule attendance at the workshop before the first court appearance.
- c. Both parties must attend. The parties may go to separate sessions if emotions or circumstances do not allow attendance together.
- d. Certificates of Attendance at the Children of Divorce Workshop for both parents must be on file with the clerk before a Judgment for Dissolution of Marriage or Legal Separation will be granted in a case involving minor children.
- e. In the event one of the parties resides outside of the County of Tuolumne, and upon the filing of a motion with the Court by that party for a waiver of attendance at the Children of Divorce Workshop, the Court may, in its discretion, grant such a waiver. If a waiver is granted, the parent residing in Tuolumne County must still attend the workshop and file a Certificate of Attendance at the Children of Divorce Workshop with the Court.
- f. A copy of the information sheet containing the registration form is available from the clerk and shall be served together with the Summons and Petition (Complaint).

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